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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

### PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant Filed : Hans-Peter Foser et al : February 19, 2004

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#### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the office action of 07/10/2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on the following page entitled <u>Amendments to the claims</u> and are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on that page.

Remarks/Arguments begin on the following page entitled Remarks/Arguments.